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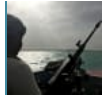
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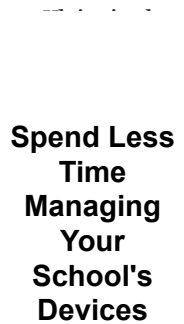
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A pro-Israel businessman doing public relations work for [Qatar](#) donated \$100,000 to the Zionist Organization of America out of money Qatar paid him to engage in “community engagement.”

Joseph Allaham, an owner of kosher eateries, said his donations to ZOA, a conservative pro-Israel group, came out of \$1.45 million intended by Qatar to woo Jewish and other leaders to its side in its dispute with Saudi Arabia, Mother Jones reported. Allaham disclosed the payments in a filing last week to register as an agent of a foreign government.

Morton Klein, the ZOA president, told Jewish Insider on Wednesday that he had been under the impression that the money came from Allaham’s own pocket. Klein said that if he determined the funds came from Qatar, he would return them.

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ist a sharp critic of Qatar, visited the country earlier invitation. He has said he used the visit to express his : the country’s support for Hamas, its closeness to ostility to Israel on Al Jazeera, the government-work. He has insisted multiple times, including to ceived no compensation for the visit beyond travel

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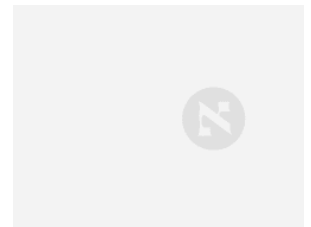
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Another prominent Jewish figure, Nick Muzin, an adviser to Republicans, also said recently that he was ending his paid lobbying relationship with Qatar, although unlike Allaham he did not denounce the country.

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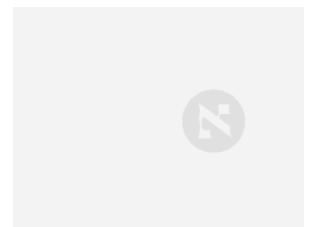
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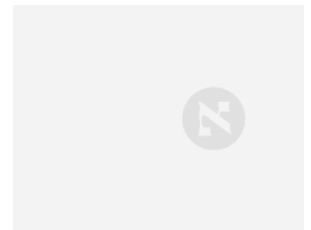
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Over the past year or so, there has been intensive lobbying of the U.S. Jewish community by both sides in an increasingly acrid Gulf dispute between Qatar and Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and a number of other countries. Saudi Arabia has led a blockade of Qatar, ostensibly because of its Iran and Muslim Brotherhood ties.

The [Trump](#) administration has gone back and forth in the dispute. Saudi Arabia is perhaps the most important Arab ally to the United States, but Qatar houses one of the largest U.S. military bases.

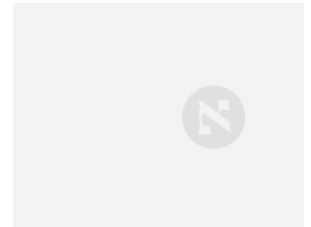
A number of Jewish figures have landed pronouncedly on one side or the other, and prominent figures have visited the country. Along with Klein, they include Malcolm Hoenlein, the executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and Alan Dershowitz, the constitutional law expert and Israel defender.

One figure caught up in the brouhaha is [Elliott Broidy](#), a top Jewish giver to U.S. President Donald Trump's campaign. Broidy joined George Nader, an Arab-American businessman, in making representations to the Trump administration on behalf of the UAE. He reportedly was involved in organizing an anti-Qatar conference last year put on by the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, a think tank with pro-Israel ties.



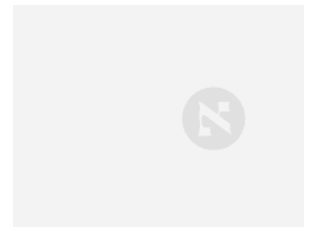
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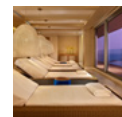
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Broidy has sued Muzin and Qatar, believing they hacked his emails, which led to the media reporting revelations such as his payment to an alleged mistress brokered by Michael Cohen, a lawyer who brokered similar payments for President Donald Trump.

Nader's role in cozying up to the Trump administration is reportedly a focus of a federal investigation into improprieties by Trump's campaign and presidency. Nader is cooperating with investigators.

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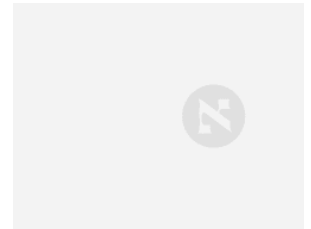
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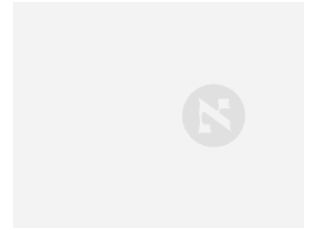
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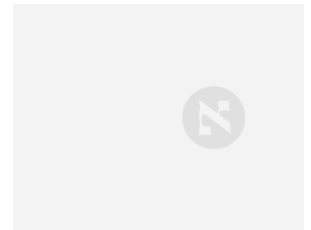
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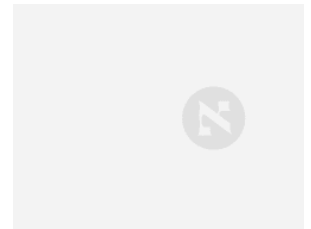
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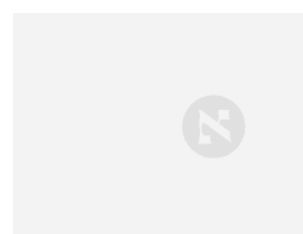
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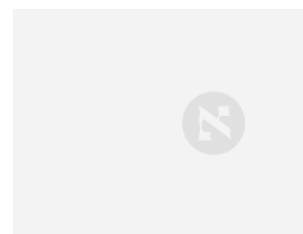
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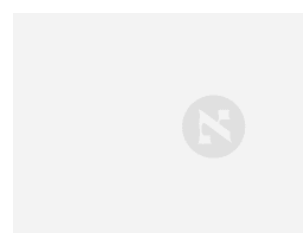
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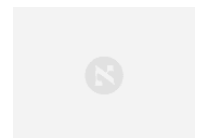
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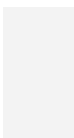
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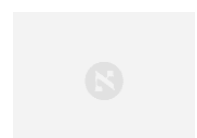
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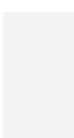
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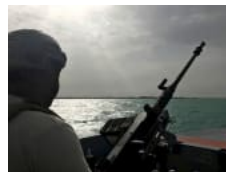
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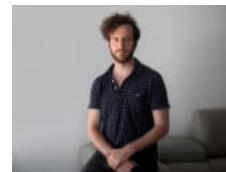
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